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SUBJECT: PANAMA PHARMACEUTICAL PATENT LEGISLATION

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1. DR. BARTHOLOMEW J. KISH, MERCK & CO. INTERNATIONAL PATENT COUNSEL, HAS CONTACTED THE DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDED DETAILS SUBSTANTIALLY AS STATED IN REFTEL CONCERNING HIS MEETINGS WITH PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. DR. KISH CONFIRMED THAT THE PROBLEM OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION ABOLISHING PATENT PROTECTION NOW APPEARS TO BE UNDER CONTROL.

2. DR. KISH EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE FOR THE EMBASSY' S FINE EFFORTS, ESPECIALLY ASSISTANCE OF GORDON DANIELS, IN-CLUDING EMBASSY ACTION WHICH ALLEVIATED THE DEADLINE TIME FACTOR AND THUS MADE POSSIBLE THE DECISIVE APPEAL IN PERSONAL VISITS TO APPROPRIATE GOP OFFICIALS BY DR. KISH AND HIS COLLEAGUES.

3. THE DEPARTMENT ALSO COMMENDS THE EMBASSY FOR ITS TIMELY AND SUSTAINED EFFORTS ON BIS MATTER.
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4. NOTWITHSTANDING OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK AT THIS TIME, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY FOLLOWING UP ON THIS MATTER AND REPORTING ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS. ROGERS

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